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REMARKS

The "Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment" under paragraph 4 "Amendments to the claims", subparagraph E/"Other", indicates "Amd. needs to be filed separate from the transmittal". It appears this requirement was directed to the amendment to the specification contained in the original transmittal letter, which amendment provided the parent application data. This amendment has been presented above, with appropriate updated information providing the patent number and issue date of the parent.

Action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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